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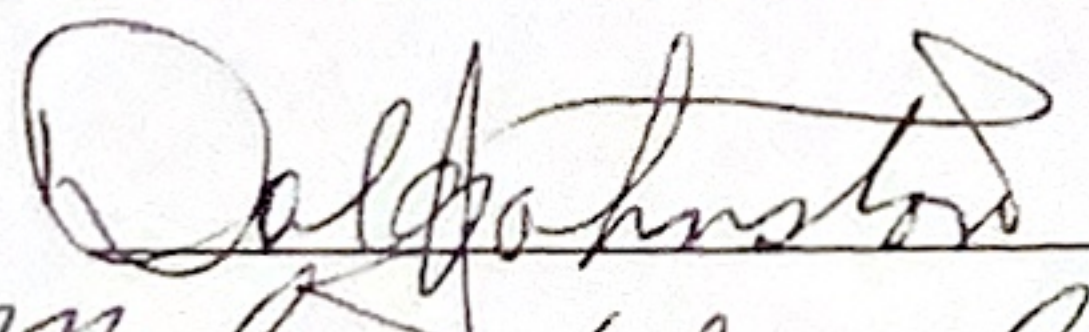
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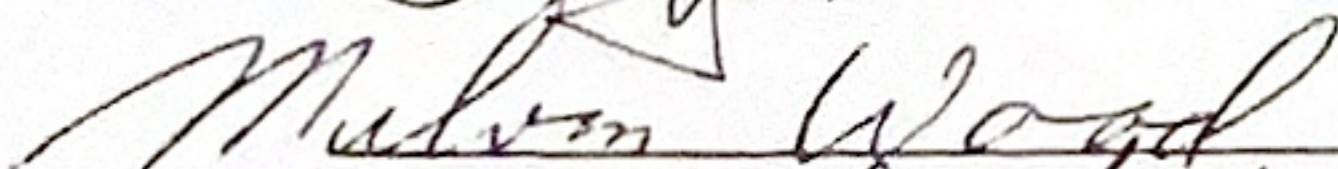
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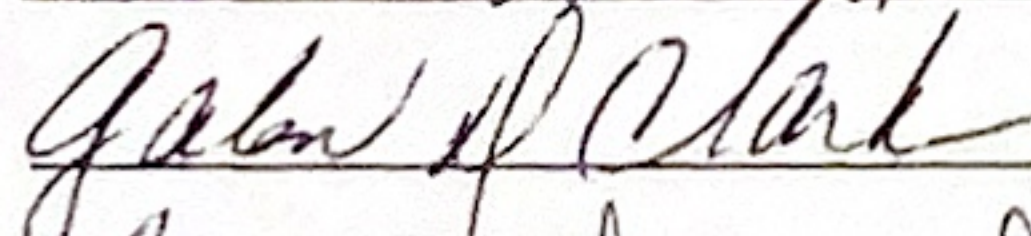
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Union County Court House
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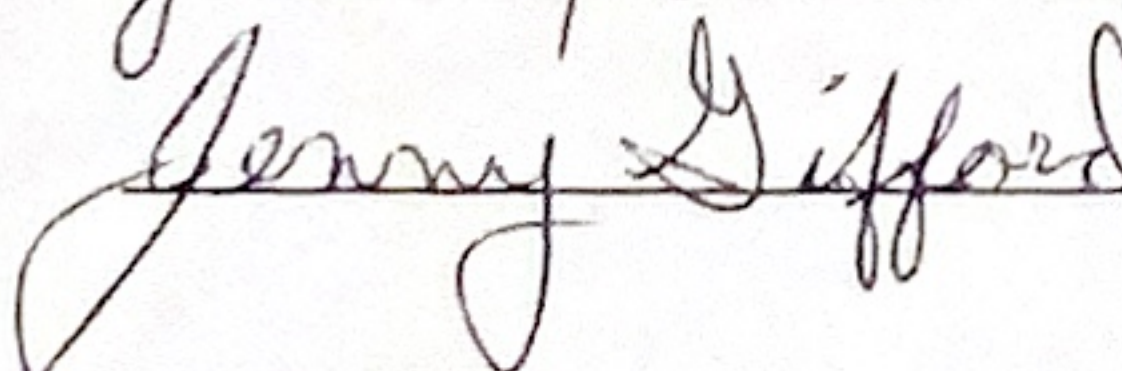
Dear Judge Misener:

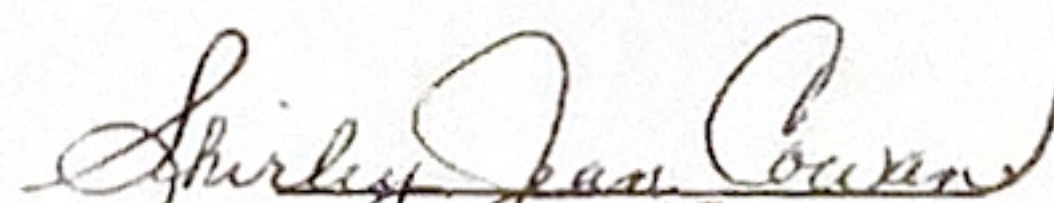
This letter to you is in reference to the property seized as a result of the Charles Robert Mayer drug bust, and the subsequent arrest of Mayer. Representatives of the City of Elgin attended the meeting held by the Union County Court on April 17, 1985. They left that meeting with the feeling they had been wronged in the decision reached by the Court. The drug bust, the arrest of Mayer, and the forfeiture was made possible only by the many hours of investigation put in by the Elgin Police Department. The City of Elgin agrees the new forfeiture Ordinance submitted by the District Attorney's Office may prove to be an asset to law enforcement and a deterrent to illegal drugs and gambling. However, that Ordinance was not in effect at the time of the Mayer forfeiture, so why make this particular forfeiture retroactive? We in the City feel very strongly that the Mayer forfeiture should be distributed evenly between the agencies involved, those being the City of Elgin, Oregon State Police, and the Union County Sheriff's Office. Any future drug bust and future forfeitures comply with the new County Ordinance. There will probably not be another drug bust of this magnitude in this part of the State, the Mayer bust being the largest meth. lab in Oregon history. Therefore, we think it only fair to distribute the proceeds from the Mayer forfeiture among the agencies involved and let those agencies use the proceeds as they determine to be in their best interests.

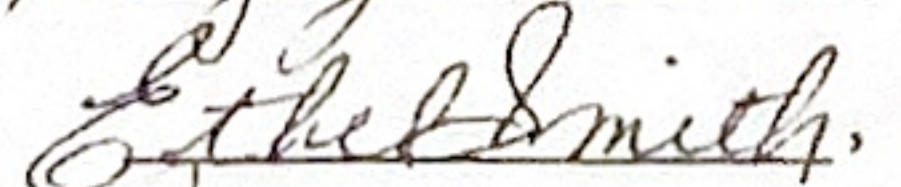
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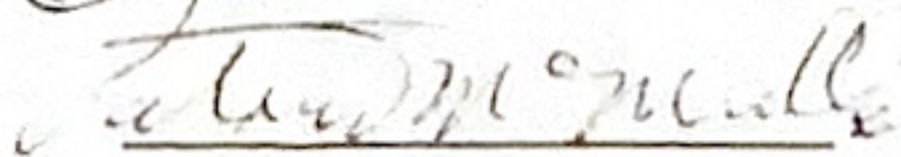
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